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SUBJ: DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAT THE RTG IS NOW PREPARED TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO OUR MAY 1977 INQUIRY ON NEGOTIATING A NEW DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY. (FYI: A PREVIOUSLY NEGOTIATED TREATY WAS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTIONS TO TREATY INVESTMENT INCENTIVES.) THE FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL NOW POINTS OUT THAT THE MODEL TREATY SUBMITTED OFFICIAL NOW POINTS OUT THAT THE MODEL TREATY SUBMITTED LAST YEAR (MODEL OF MARCH 16, 1977) IS LIMITED TO INHERITANCE AND GIFT TAXES. THAILAND HAS NO INHERITANCE AND GIFT TAXES; HENCE, THEIR FORMAL RESPONSE WILL CONTAIN THE CONDITION THAT THE NEW TREATY COVER TAXES ON PERSONAL INCOME AND JURISTIC PARTNERSHIPS.

2. IN THIS REGARD THE LOCAL AMCHAM COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND LEGISLATION HAS RECENTLY MADE A SIMILAR OBSERVATION REGARDING THE RELEVANCE OF THIS MODEL TO THE SITUATION IN THAILAND. THEY ARE REQUESTING THAT THE AMCHAM BE CONSULTED ON THE TEXT OF ANY NEW TAXATION TREATY. LOCAL AMCHAM MEMBERS BELIEVE A TAX TREATY COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THEM.

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3. IF AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SEVERAL COPIES OF A MODEL TREATY MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE AMCHAM AND THE RTG. EMBASSY WOULD THEN PASS ON SAMPLE TO AMCHAM AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIALS FOR STUDY.
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